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Greetings HOA Members:

Thank you to everybody who voted in our recent board election. I am excited to announce Derek Farmer has been elected to the Vice President/President Elect role, and Mindy Prichard has been reelected to serve as our Secretary. Congratulations to both of you. To help with a smooth transition, I will serve another term as Chapter President until Derek assumes the role.

In mid-February, the Board had the privilege of presenting Laurel Harris with the Heart of America Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award. It was an honor to present Laurel with this recognition for her involvement with our Chapter and dedication to the safety profession.

You should have received an email from me, with the email address from surveygizmo, about our annual member feedback survey. Thanks to everybody who kept a sharp eye out for phishing emails, but this is legitimate. So far, 29 people are in the running for the Amazon gift card drawing.

I would like to personally thank Laurie Wolfe for her work on our monthly newsletter over the past couple of terms. The newsletters were always ready to go, just waiting on me to write the president's message. Laurie has informed me that she needs to relinquish this assignment. Laurie, thank you for your work and support of our Chapter.

And finally, don't forget to register for our March chapter meeting on the 25th. We're offering a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual). Special thanks to Midwest Public Risk for hosting us.

*Tom Metzner
Heart of America President*

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Safety Spotlight: Member Interview

Phil Shoemaker, CSP, CRIS, CHST, STSC, SCTPP



The March Spotlight Phil Shoemaker

Where did you go to school? I received my BS in Industrial Safety, minor in Criminal Justice Administration (1992) and my MS in Industrial Safety Management (1994) from Central Missouri State University. (CMSU)

How long have you been in the safety industry? I have been blessed to work in the construction safety and risk management industry for over 30 years.

How long have you been in your current position? I have been with HNTB Corporation since 2020. HNTB is an infrastructure solutions design firm employing over 5,800 associates and executing over 9 million work hours annually. Prior to HNTB, I was the Safety, Health and Environmental Services, Safety Director for the Builders' Association/Kansas City Chapter of Associated General Contractors for 27 years.

What is your current position and from a safety standpoint, what are your primary responsibilities . I am currently the Associate Vice President, corporate Safety Director. My primary responsibilities include the continuous improvement, development, and implementation of corporate safety and risk management strategies.

What made you decide to go into safety? During college, I worked as member of the Millwrights Local #1529 while pursuing a BS in Criminal Justice Administration at CMSU. I originally wanted to be a Missouri Highway Patrolman. However, while working as millwright, a close family friend and co-worker was fatally injured in a workplace accident. This first-hand experience made a big impact on me. Because of this tragedy, I changed my major from criminal justice to industrial safety and never looked back.

What are some of your memorable experiences or accomplishments related to your time in the safety field?

I'm proud to be one of the initial leadership volunteers to start the Construction Safety Group of Kansas City and Chair of the organization's scholarship program since its inception (which to-date has awarded over \$160,000 in scholarships to UCM and PSU students.) I am also proud to have spent my career working closely with OSHA and industry leaders to improve construction safety by being instrumental in starting of the OSHA Build Safe Partnership Program (the longest running OSHA cooperative partnership program in the nation), and the highly successful Midwest Construction Safety Conference and Expo.

What are some of your hobbies or favorite activities? I enjoy traveling, boating, being outdoors and spending time with friends and family at our lake house.

What does your ASSP Membership do for you? Early in my career, I had several great safety mentors. All encouraged me to get involved in ASSP. I have been a member of ASSP since 1993, serving in various leadership roles for the ASSP-HOA Chapter, including President. ASSP has provided me with numerous networking, professional development and mentoring opportunities. I am proud to be part of such a great society.

Member Spotlight was coordinated by Laurie Wolfe, KDOL

Upcoming Safety & Health Events to Remember

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 11-15, 2022

If you have a safety event, please provide pictures and news article to publish in the HOA Newsletter.

February			
March	Brain Injury Awareness Month	Brain Injury Assoc of America	Biausa.org
March	Workplace Eye Wellness Month	Prevent Blindness America	preventblindness.org
March	National Ladder Safety Month	American Ladder Institute	https://laddersafetymonth.com/
March 21-27	National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week	National Institute of Health	drugabuse.gov

SAFECONEXPO MAY 17-19, 2022

The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozarks, Missouri

TO REGISTER, CLICK ON LINK BELOW

<https://shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/register.aspx>

Newsletter Articles and Whitepapers

The newsletter committee is always looking for helpful links, articles, and white papers. If you have a document that's appropriate for this format, please present your suggestions to our Newsletter Coordinator, Laurie Wolfe at laurie.wolfe@ks.gov

Choosing the Right Ladder

Ladders are built from one of three basic materials; wood, fiberglass and metal (aluminum).

The environment of your work site is the first factor in choosing the material from which your ladder is constructed. For example, if you are working near sources of electricity, a metal ladder should be rejected since aluminum is an electrical conductor. Your body can complete an electrical circuit between the electrical power source, the ladder, and then to the ground in the event of a live wire contact incident. An electrical shock while working from a ladder can trigger a fall or cause your heart to stop leading to serious injury or death. On the other hand, if there are no electrical power sources in your work area, the aluminum ladder is the lightest weight when compared to fiberglass or wood.

There are also several kinds of ladders manufactured for a variety of uses. Again, evaluation of your work environment and knowledge of what ladders are available will allow you to choose the right ladder for the job. Each of the following considerations addresses safety issues in your work environment:

- Will the ladder be resting on an uneven surface?
- Is the work area crowded with people and/or materials?
- What obstructions are in the path of the climb?

Next, the proper ladder length must be selected. It is unsafe to use a ladder that is too long or too short. When using a Step Ladder, for example, standing on the top cap or the step below the top cap is not permitted due to the increased likelihood of losing your balance. Likewise, when using an Extension Ladder, the top three rungs are not to be used for climbing. A Straight Ladder is too long, for example, if ceiling height prohibits the ladder from being set-up at the proper angle. Likewise, an Extension Ladder is too long if the ladder extends more than three (3) feet beyond the upper support point. In this case, the portion of the ladder that extends above the upper support point can act like a lever and cause the base of the ladder to move or slide out. Safety standards require a label on the ladder to indicate the highest standing level.

Next, consider the Duty Rating of the ladder. This is an indication of the maximum weight capacity the ladder can safely carry. To figure out the total amount of weight your ladder will be supporting, add:


Your weight, plus:

- The weight of your clothing and Protective Equipment: plus
- The weight of Tools and Supplies you are carrying: plus
- The weight of Tools and Supplies stored on the Ladder.

The Duty Rating of your ladder can be found on the specifications label. Safety standards require a Duty Rating sticker to be placed on the side of every ladder. Do not assume that a longer ladder has a higher weight capacity. There is not a relationship between ladder length and weight capacity.

For more information, click on <https://laddersafetymonth.com/>

ASSP Community Interest Group – Heart of America ChapterWISE

 <p>Contact Laurel Harris for more information: lharris@chubb.com</p>	<p>ASSP's Women in Safety Excellence (WISE) is a common interest group that advances ASSP members and the safety profession through education, mentorship, networking, collaboration, research, and innovation. With over 2,000 members, WISE provides member and community support and collaborative opportunities within the profession. WISE works to bring awareness to the following industry topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need for proper fitting personal protective equipment for women in the workplace• Workplace violence against women, which is the number one cause of fatal injuries to women in the workplace.• To bring awareness to women in leadership roles in safety and to mentor others to help them achieve their goals <p>ChapterWISE The WISE member community has a Chapter level group known as ChapterWISE to help coordinate WISE events, including networking functions, technical talks, community and student outreach and local mentoring. The Heart of America Chapter has many WISE members (both women and men), but we do not have our own established ChapterWISE group. As President-Elect/Vice President, I would like to start a ChapterWISE group within our Chapter. Every safety professional has the opportunity to impact safety within their organization, including those issues that impact women directly in the workplace. If you are a member of WISE or would like to join the WISE community interest group, please help me establish a chapter level group that can continue to educate, support and to take action within the Heart of America. If you are interested in helping to establish our local ChapterWISE, please reach out to me at lharris@chubb.com</p> <p>Thank you, Laurel Harris</p>
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Elect the ASSP Foundation for donations using Amazon Purchases.

Go to smile.amazon.com and select the American Society of Safety Professionals. It is the same site as Amazon, just their charitable support link.

https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/ref=smi_se_dshb_lm_saas

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15% off on any product on the website.

Use Code: ASSPKCMO15



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Heart of America Chapter

New Members

Please welcome: Brandon Nolan and James Kubly

Many of us are members of associations and groups that involve safety, health, environmental protection, and risk management advancement. As we engage with our member organizations, remember to network and share the opportunities and benefits available within the Heart of America Chapter of ASSP for members, non-members, and our community.

If you know someone who would like to join ASSP Heart of America Chapter please direct them [HERE!](#)

ASSP Community

Please take a moment to reach out and connect through ASSP Community.

Job Openings

If you or someone that you know in the safety profession are looking for employment, jobs openings are posted on our Chapter website. Please check out our website for recent job postings. <https://kc.assp.org/>

Looking for a Job?

If so, then send your resume to president@kc.assp.org

Upcoming Events

The Chapter website provides information regarding upcoming events and training held by our Chapter, other ASSP Chapters, ASSP, and from other organizations with safety, health, environmental and risk management topics that may interest you. Please visit the website regularly to view upcoming events that may not be specifically listed in the newsletter. <https://kc.assp.org/>



Connect with ASSP:



In Advance of the 9th annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction (May 2-6, 2022)

This is a new resource available to you and your workplace

- 2022 Stand-Down officially announced: [January 19, 2022 OSHA QuickTakes](#)

COVID-19 Links

OSHA Interim Recording Keeping Guidance: In a May 19, 2020 Enforcement Memo, OSHA provided updated interim guidance to Compliance Safety and Health Officers (CSHOs) for enforcing the OHA Record Keeping requirements of 29 CFR Part 1904 with respect to recording cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The following is a link to the Interim Guidance.

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-05-19/revised-enforcement-guidance-recording-cases-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

National Safety Council Guidance regarding Safe Actions for Employee Return (SAFER): NSC created a platform for COVID-19 guidance referred to as the SAFER Collection. The task force that supports the collection of information is made up of industry experts from a diverse group of organizations including ASSP, AIHA, NIOSH- CDC, ISSA, BCSP, health professionals, nonprofits, businesses and many more. For updated information to health employers safely return to work, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/safety-topics/safe-actions-for-employee-returns-safer>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): The CDC offers a resource page to keep up with current information regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019. For evolving news regarding the virus, precautions for adults, forecasts, cleaning and disinfecting, and pandemic planning scenarios, please follow the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html>

Covid-10 Healthcare ETS

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets>

OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Campaign

<https://www.osha.gov/heat>

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEW ETS FOR EMPLOYERS WITH OVER 100 EMPLOYEES?

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/ets2/faqs>

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Executive Committee contact information. We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions.



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